REMARKS

Applicants concurrently file herewith a Request for Continued Examination and an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter for three (3) excess claims.

Claims 1-7, 21 and 25-44 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 41-44 have been added to provide more varied protection for the claimed invention and to claim additional features of the invention.

Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 21, and 25-44, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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